Southeast Meeting Minutes for 1/25/2001

Summary of the 1/25 meeting at Wood center room 4 of the Fairfax Southeast Neighborhood Traffic Task Force

Attending were 10 volunteers and Alex Verzosa (Transportation director) as facilitator.

Next meeting Saturday Feb. 10th room 306 City Hall

from 10 am to Noon

Andy Werthmann (chair) reviewed the neighborhood Task Force process explaining that high cost or long term projects will probably not be supported by the City council and the council wants to use this process because of experience with past traffic calming efforts. Example Woodland drive , where only after the installation of a series of devices did the neighborhood get involved, almost all as complaints.

We should assure that all our neighbors are aware or involved in determining what will be done and why!

Andy had received by Email about four pages of ideas and the Task Force went into explaining/ expanding on their items.

This activity elicited some additions such as using raised crosswalks on strategic pedestrian paths instead of a speed bump. Additional recommendations were also provided & explained, such as various stop light locations to change traffic patterns off Main street onto Virginia to Sager; signage, parking and speed bumps in the Sideburne, Forest , Barbour street section, etc.

Special commendation to Mary Ann Shreve and Susan Barborek who not only reviewed in detail the traffic survey available on Burke Station but sent Emails & flyers to get involved citizens together for a meeting on Sunday.

The group recognized we will have to prepare a graphic to all our neighbors of what's planned and ask for their reaction by return mail.

We should also get on record with the county School Superintendent and the state to encourage the completion of University Boulevard as it will reduce East -West cut-thru traffic. Similarly our concerns about traffic volume on Roberts road should be forwarded to GMU - perhaps they can help with limiting access at Shenandoah Lane.

Andy collected all specifics on each suggestion and will work up a strawman for the group to expand/improve upon in the next couple of meetings. He will also develop a proposed mission statement (which the Task Force can wordsmith) based on the theme that we're a residential area, highlighting need for safety which requires our streets to have 25 mph speed limits.

The group accepted that reducing traffic volume would be nice but it is not our major priority or interest .

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to work on the mission statement and prioritize/schedule our discussions to work out the details for each idea

based on A. Werthmann's strawman - fortified by Mary Ann's donuts!